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Re: Deficient Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining
Operations (NOI) GoldTerra, Inc. Blue Castle Mine S/015/077 Emery
County, Utah.

Dear Mr. Baker:

In response to your deficiency letter of January 27, 2010, GoldTerra, Inc. is submitting a revised replacement page for the NOI for the Blue Castle Mine. This page will address all of the noted deficiencies in the letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Dan Guy of Blackhawk Engineering, Inc. at (435) 637-2422.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Sheppard
President

cc: Chris Conrad, BLM
Dan Guy, Blackhawk Engineering, Inc.
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NOTICE

(For operations Proposed Under the 43CFR3809 Regulations)

Proposed Reclamation:

The proposed exploration site is a steep, barren shale slope with a small flatter area at the base, as shown on the attached map. The plan is to conduct extensive exploration using one of the methods described in the Proposed Activities section. Collection of bulk samples may require removal of the ore material to the angle shown on the exploration cross section. Because this is a clay/shale mixture, there are no plans to return the waste material from the sampling process, due to stability concerns.

If drilling is conducted, the following procedures will be followed:

- 1- All drill holes are expected to be less than 200' in depth;*
- 2- All drilling will be done in the Mancos Shale, which is extremely thick in this area and has no known aquifers or ground water; therefore, it is very unlikely any water will be encountered in drilling;*
- 3- All drill holes will be filled with cuttings or bentonite to within 5' of the surface. The top 5' of all holes will be filled with concrete, as required by R647-3-108.*

Once exploration is completed, all equipment will be removed from the site. Any trash and contaminated soil will also be removed and taken to an approved disposal site. The barren slope configuration will be as shown on the Reclamation Cross Section. This steep Mancos slope will conform to natural slopes in this area. Due to the lack of natural vegetation on the steep slopes, there are no plans to reseed these areas. The flatter, facilities area and access road will be graded to approximate original contour and ripped to a depth of 6" to 8" using a dozer. These areas will then be reseeded by hand broadcast methods with the seed mix listed in Attachment 1.

As discussed in the hydrology section above, no major changes will be made to the existing hydrology for operations of the mine site. During reclamation, the area will be regraded to restore natural drainage patterns prior to mining. The silt fence will be left in place below the mine site until re-establishment of vegetation or approved for removal by the management agency.